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SUBJECT: FRANCE INCREASES TAX ON HIGH HORSEPOWER
AUTOMOBILES

1. GOF HAS INCREASED BY 80 PERCENT (FROM F.1000 IN 1975 TO F.1800 IN 1976) THE SPECIAL FISCAL TAX IMPOSED ON CARS WITH HORSEPOWER GREATER THAN 16 CV (170 C.I.D.). THIS TAX IMPOSED ON ALL CARS IN FRANCE IS MUCH LOWER FOR CARS UNDER 16 CV. SINCE ALL AUTOMOBILES MANUFACTURED IN FRANCE FALL WITHIN LATTER CATEGORY, THIS MEASURE APPLIES ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY TO US IMPORTED CARS.

2. EMBASSY (AS WELL AS EC CUSTOMS SERVICES, THE GATT AND THE INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE) HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY MR. GEORGE NOBLES, PRESIDENT OF FRENCH TRADE ASSOCIATION WHICH GROUPS IMPORTERS OF CARS, CYCLES, MOTORCYCLES AND THE RELATED INDUSTRIES, REGARDING THIS DISCRIMINATORY MEASURE.

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3. IN JANUARY 29 LETTER TO NOBLES FROM GATT DG LONG,
HE NOTED THAT USG HAS BROUGHT THIS "PROBLEM" TO
ATTENTION OF GATT AND THAT MATTER WILL BE DISCUSSED
IN MTN.

4. ACTION REQUESTED. PLEASE PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION REGARDING US POSITION ON THIS QUESTION
FOR FORWARDING TO MR. NOBLES.
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